

Copy protection systems all have a similar failing. They serve to prevent long-established fair use of copyrighted material while having little effect on piracy, as pirates find electronic means to circumvent the protection. If this rule is passed a typical home consumer will be required to purchase new equipment so he can record broadcast programs and that recording will be incompatible with his other equipment. This ruling would place an undue burden on the consumer while providing little if any detriment to piracy.